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- On 11 July the Russian Zone leaders of the CDU, LDP, and SED met in Berlin to discuss measures to improve the economic situation. Wilhelm Pieck stated that cooperation among the parties is not close enough and recommended a meeting of the anti-fascist bloc to which representatives of the PDGB, FDJ, Kulturbund, Women's League, and Farmers' Mutual Assistance Society would also be invited.
- LDP chairman Nulz agreed to Pieck's proposal. CDU chairman Kaiser announced that his party absolutely rejects the SED proposal. The CDU stands on the principle that the political parties are the sole legitimate representatives of the will of the people. The CDU proposes that the non-political organizations may be consulted on technical matters but is utterly opposed to their inclusion in the anti-fascist bloc and to their participation in political affairs. Pieck accepted these views of Kaiser's without argument.
- At the meeting of the CDU zonal executive committee in Berlin, 12 July, Jacob Kaiser and his supporters came prepared to elicit a firm statement by the party against Russian-SED attempts to open the Antifa Committee to the PDGB and other SED cover organizations in the Russian Zone. On the other hand the CDU chairman in Saxony-Anhalt, Brandenburg, and Mecklenburg had each been instructed by SMA officers to move for a resolution against the Marshall Plan. It is reported that Kaiser succeeded in keeping this latter resolution off the agenda. Instead Kaiser made a speech in which, despite courteous references to Russian generosity and pointed attacks on the failure of Anglo-American occupation policy, he called for stern resistance to SED plans and welcomed the Marshall Plan.
- The chairman of the meeting skillfully prevented the opposition from taking the floor against Kaiser. His recommendation for CDU relations with the SED and the SED cover organizations was submitted in mimeograph form and accepted unanimously. Despite its cautious phraseology, this statement clearly calls for exclusion of the SED cover organizations from political activity and insists on the freedom of action of the political parties. (Text in Attachment I)

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5. The SED press and SMA political officers appear equally displeased with this result. The former launched a concerted attack on Kaiser. The SMA officers summoned all the CDU leaders in the zone individually to express their displeasure. On 23 July Kaiser himself was interrogated by Captain Kratin. Kratin said his superiors want to know whether Kaiser's stand is calculated to influence the CDU Inter-Zonal Convention in favor of an anti-Russian policy. Kaiser replied that he has always made every effort to develop the CDU as a representative of the unity of all German interests; however, in recent weeks he has met increasing aversion in the West toward the Russian Zone CDU because the SED is openly throttling democracy in the Russian Zone. The only possibility of gaining any sympathy for the Russian Zone in the West is by a bold, independent stand of the CDU in the Russian Zone. Kratin said that the Russians do not accept this reasoning and that it is not accepted by CDU members in the Russian Zone who have witnessed the advantages of the bloc policy. Kratin added that German politics today must reflect the relations between the Allies and that the SMA would keep a close watch on the Russian Zone delegates at the CDU Inter-Zonal Convention.

6. Similar reports have been received of Russian pressure on CDU leaders throughout the zone. The Russians stated that it has become apparent that the Berlin leadership of the CDU, especially Kaiser, is succumbing to the wiles of western capitalism and getting further and further away from the true interests of the people; Russia is interested in maintaining the CDU as a strong, independent party. Kaiser wants to hitch the CDU to western capitalism which would be a mortal blow to German unity.
7. In Potsdam Lt. Col. Mikhika summoned the CDU chairman of Brandenburg, Dr. Wolf, and accused him of two-faced dealings. Wolf offered to resign. Mikhika rejected this offer but stressed that General Sharov is worried that the CDU is disrupting the anti-fascist bloc. Wolf replied that the CDU must insist on being allowed to follow its own policy. Wolf admits that many CDU members think the party is going too far in its opposition to Russian wishes. An SED leader, Sägebrecht, warned Wolf that the SED has collected a lot of material against the CDU which it will make use of if the CDU does not fall in line. Wolf allegedly replied that the CDU has just as much evidence against the SED and is ready to fight fire with fire.

8. [redacted] the Russians are grooming Hermes to replace Kaiser. It is reported that Hermes is being provided with funds and facts to fight both Adenauer and Kaiser. Hermes is received by General Georgiev and other high Russian officers on his visits to Berlin; they have assured him that the SMA bears no grudge against him. [redacted] the latter is completely immersed in his work with the Farmers' Union and the Agriculture Section of the Bizonal Administration and does not contemplate returning to politics.

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### Resolution

Faced with the ever more threatening danger of a splitting up of Germany, the Executive Committee of the CDU of the Russian Zone and Berlin again dedicates itself to a policy of concentration of all German efforts. It accepts the basic principles enunciated by Jacob Kaiser in the knowledge that the Union's primary task is to prepare the way for German unity despite zonal boundaries. On this basis the CDU in the Russian Zone and in Berlin unites in a policy dedicated in accordance with its essential law solely to the service of the German people and is ready to cooperate with all honest democratic forces in overcoming the urgent need.

The following principles govern the cooperation of the CDU with the other parties in the Russian Zone:

1. The political parties are the representative organs of the political will of the people.
2. The inter-party committees formed at the time of the licensing of the parties have the task of bringing the parties together for common deliberation on important problems and of smoothing out differences of opinion as far as possible.
3. When municipal, Kreis, and state parliaments were formed, they became the sole representatives of the political will of the people as expressed in the elections. In them the political parties work side by side and differing opinions inevitably are expressed.
4. It is acknowledged that the inter-party committees have continued to perform welcome services since the establishment of the parliaments, that they further the cooperation of the parties by free exchange of ideas and prepare non-partisan declarations and common measures. They must not assume such a shape that they might develop into quasi-parliaments and usurp a position above or beside the constitutional parliaments.
5. The tasks of the inter-party committees demand that they consist only of representatives of the political parties. The inclusion of other organizations (e.g. FDGB, Women's League, Kulturbund, etc.) is possible only insofar as they may be called upon for advice in individual cases as necessary. Resolutions can only be reached by unanimous vote of the parties.
6. According to the rules of democracy the right of each party to formulate its own position vis-a-vis the other parties and organizations must be recognized and guaranteed.
7. It is a prerequisite for satisfactory development of the inter-party committees that complete equality of the parties be guaranteed. That is especially true of the propagation of the political opinions of the parties in public. The present limitations on the CDU press deny this prerequisite.

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